

## **Remarks**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Claims 1-7 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 6 and 7 rejected claims 1-4 and objected to claim 5 solely as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The present Response cancels claims 1-4, amends claims 5 and 6, and adds new claims 8-13, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 5-13. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

### **I. OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION**

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because "there is no summary section in the specification disclosure." Applicants have amended the specification to include a Summary paragraph. Applicants therefore request that the objection to the disclosure be withdrawn.

### **II. OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS**

The Examiner objected to claim 4 because of the following informalities: 'a semicolon (;) is missing from the end of the limitations on line 2.' Applicants request cancellation of claim 4.

### **III. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(E) OVER *KUROIWA ET AL.* (U.S. PAT. NO. 6,757,129)**

#### ***Claims 1, 3 and 4***

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Kuroiwa*. Applicants request cancellation of claims 1, 3 and 4.

### **IV. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(A) OVER *KUROIWA***

#### ***Claim 2***

The Examiner rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over *Kuroiwa*. Applicants request cancellation of claim 2.

### **V. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

#### ***Claims 5-7***

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 6 and 7 are allowable. The Examiner objected to claim 5 as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent

form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 5 in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations.

**VI. ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

***Claims 8-13***

The newly added claims are, it is submitted, allowable over the cited art.

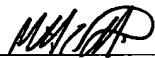
**VII. CONCLUSION**

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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